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For: DRIVING CIRCUIT INCLUDING ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT
ELEMENT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-8, 10, 13-18 and 20 as follows:

3. (Amended) A driving circuit according to claim 1, wherein the reverse-bias setting circuit comprises a switch which switches an electrical connection state of at least one of electrodes of each of the organic electroluminescent elements between being connected to a first power source line for supplying a first potential and being connected to a second power source line for supplying a second potential that is lower in level than the first potential.

4. (Amended) A driving circuit according to claim 1, wherein the reverse-bias setting circuit comprises a switch which switches an electrical connection state of a cathode of each of the organic electroluminescent elements between being connected to a first power source line for supplying a first potential and being connected to a second power source line for supplying a second potential that is lower in level than the first potential.

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